

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

Board of Education

Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., President
Mrs. Jillian Villon, Vice President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald
Mr. Samuel North
Mrs. Maria Pereira

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Dr. Mary Keenan Foster, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Villon at 6:10 p.m. in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202 relating to the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting is held by video conference, In-person attendance will NOT be permitted. The District will provide video-conference links online, as well as a section for public comments via our BoardDocs website.

A. Recording of Attendance

President Jenkins, Jr. arrived late. Michael Simpkins was absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session

A. Open Meeting

*(Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters regarding the appointment of a particular contractor(s) and employment history of particular person(s) for the following positions: PHS Evening Program Staffing; Staff Assistant/Finance & Administration; After-School Nurse; Mentors and Volunteers. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00 p.m.)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:12 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting – In Person Attendance is Not Permitted

The meeting was reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Peekskill Pride](#)

B. [COVID 19 Update](#)

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Policy Readings

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting October 20, 2020

B. Business Meeting/Work Session November 3, 2020

C. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:

Business Meeting October 20, 2020

Business Meeting/Work Session November 3, 2020

Motion: Maria Pereira

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

No: _____ Abstained: _____

President Jenkins asked for a motion to remove item 12. E. (Contract – Black Diamonds) from the Consent Agenda so as to be voted on separately.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

President Jenkins asked for a motion to approve item 12. E. (Contract – Black Diamonds).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the contract with Black Diamonds for the 2020/2021 school year and not to exceed \$20,500.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

Second: Maria Pereira
No: _____ Abstained: Samuel North

10. Consent Agenda – Personnel

A. Personnel Agenda Certificated

I. Resignation:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

II. Retirement:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following retirement resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Maria Laible
Position: Spanish Teacher
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 5, 2021
2. Name: Francine Yeagley-Mountain
Position: Teaching Assistant
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: November 30, 2020

III. Leave of Absence:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty non-paid leave of absence(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

IV. Appointments:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Rachel Moczarski
 Position: Mentor
 Mentee: Andrea Perez
 Effective Dates: 2020-2021 school year
 Salary: \$1,590 Stipend – Mentor Teacher –Grant Funded Title IIA

2. Name: Nicole Bregante
 Position: Intern Substitute Teacher
 Certification: Fordham University
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Date: November 18, 2020
 Effective End Date: June 25, 2021
 Salary: \$120 per day, as worked, without benefits

	Employee	Position/Program	Effective Dates	Stipend
3.	William Toro	PHS Evening Theatre Academy Administrator	2020-21	\$6,750
4.	Noel Cabassa	PHS Evening Theatre Academy Counselor	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
5.	Zorielle Rodriguez	PHS Evening Theatre Academy US History Teacher	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
6.	Erika Keegan	PHS Evening Theatre Academy Global II Teacher	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
7.	Stephanie Werner	PHS Evening Theatre Academy Global I Teacher	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
8.	Darlene Molina	PHS Evening Theatre Academy Algebra I Teacher	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

9.	Sue Imhof	PHS Evening Theatre Academy Living Environment Teacher	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
10.	Carolyn Espinoza	PHS Evening Theatre Academy Spanish I Teacher	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
11.	Jaime Farez	PHS Evening Theatre Academy ENL Support	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
12.	Kiah Mahy	PHS Evening Theatre Academy ELA Teacher	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
13.	Diane Spuler	After School/Hours Nurse Support	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
14.	Deborah Hauptman	After School/Hours Nurse Support	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
15.	Tina LaBelle	After School/Hours Nurse Support	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
16.	Yvonne Ayoub	After School/Hours Nurse Support	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
17.	Marissa Gordon	After School/Hours Nurse Support	2020-21	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

V. Correction:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following correction(s) of appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

Classified

I. Appointments

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointments to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Jaruan O'Brien
Position: Staff Assistant – Finance & Administration
Location: Administration Building
Probationary Start Date: November 18, 2020
Probationary End Date: November 17, 2021
Salary: \$81,200.00 (Pro-Rated)

II. Resignation:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Jeanine Gonzalez
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District

Effective: November 13, 2020
Last Day Worked: November 13, 2020

III. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff retirement resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

IV. Leave of Absence:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff non-paid leave of absence(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

V. Correction:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff correction(s) of appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

I. Appointment:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Jake Sablosky
Request: Volunteer/Tutor
Effective Start Date: November 18, 2020
Effective End Date: June 25, 2021

Using an asterisk (*) at the end of the individual appointment resolutions with the following quoted language as a legend at the end of the personnel resolutions or as a legend below the consent agenda:

*For Volunteers- As per Volunteer Board Policy 4532 - the following volunteers are approved for 10 or less events for current school year

** The appointment resolutions for classroom teachers (or building principal) are conditioned upon meeting the requirement of the current tenure laws and pursuant to the provisions of Regents Rule§30-1.3. Accordingly, to be eligible for tenure consideration the probationer must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to §3012-c and/or §3012-d of the Education Law during the four-year period under review and may not receive an ineffective rating during the last year of probation.

*** For classroom teachers with prior tenure as a teacher (or administrators appointed after June 30, 2020) with prior tenure as a teacher or administrator in a New York public school district or BOCES, the probationary term will be three years if there is proof of prior tenure and an APPR rating during the final year of service in the previous school district or BOCES.

**** Classroom Teachers with two years of Jarema Act Credit in this school district shall serve a two-year probationary term if during the two years of Jarema Act service they received APPR ratings pursuant to §§3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law. Where the probationary term is shortened, to be eligible for tenure conferral, the probationer must have at least three effective and/or highly effective APPR ratings and the APPR rating in the final year of probation may not be an ineffective rating.

11.Consent Agenda - Special Services

A. Special Services/Committee on Special Education

That the Board of Education approve the Recommendation of the District's Committee on Special Education twenty (20) student for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Contracts - Lakeland Central School District

That the Board of Education approve the contracts with Lakeland Central School District to provide special education programs and services for three student(s) with disabilities for the 2020-2021 school year. Rate is set by New York State.

12.Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of September 2020

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of September 2020.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of October 2020

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of October 2020.

C. [Budget Appropriation Transfers - November 2020](#)

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of November 2020.

D. Extraclassroom Activities - September 2020

That the Board of Education, accept the September 2020 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.

13.Other Agenda Items

A. Side Letter Agreement - PFA/Medicare Part B Costs

That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter of Agreement with PFA concerning Medicare Part B costs.

B. Agreement - PFA/Family Sick Time

That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District (hereinafter "Board") herewith authorizes the Superintendent of School to enter into an agreement with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) dated November 17, 2020. RE: Family Sick Time.

C. Donation - Peekskill Education Foundation (PEF)/Mi-Fi Wi-Fi Hotspot Units

That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that, in accordance with Education Law 1718(2), to accept from Peekskill Education Foundation a donation of \$6,972.00 for the purchase of Mi-Fi Wi-Fi Hotspot Units.

14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 10.A. - 13.C.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

15. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

Maria Pereira reported, Tuesday McDonald from the Youth Bureau, expressed her eagerness and willingness to work with our District. Mrs. Pereira is looking forward to the programs that Mrs. McDonald will bring to the children in our District.

President Jenkins, Jr. thanked the PEF for the Mi-Fi and W-Fi units. Congratulations to Brianna Carter in her 2nd place finish as a PHS cross country runner. President Jenkins, Jr. is also excited about the update to Saturday Academy as for the time zones for the different age groups. The BOE had their retreat this past Saturday and they had a lot to talk about. in the sessions they try to create goals for the Board and they didn't want COVID 19 to be the only subject for this school year. They are trying to stay ahead of the COVID curve.

Maria Pereira thanked all those for the things tangible and intangible. Veterans Day has passed but she wanted to thank the veterans for their service.

17. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

18. Adjournment Subject

A. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Jenkins, Jr. asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Maria Pereira

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk